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Dr. Isaac J. Martin House  
Ellicott City  
Private

Circa 1871

Noted as lots #83 and #84 on the sale plat of Jonathan Ellicott's property, the corner lot #84 was acquired by Dr. Isaac J. Martin from the Ellicott Family on July 3, 1871 for \$350. On October 10, 1911, the property was acquired by J. Edward Kroh and remained in the Kroh family until the 9th of June, 1959 when the building was sold to Howard County.

A three bay wide, two bay deep, three and a half story, gabled roof (running east-west) frame building built on a granite block foundation with a three bay wide, one room deep, two story, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure extending from the north wall, forms a "T" plan. Fenestration is proportionally scaled and vertically aligned. The windows are double-hung, holding two-over-two lights and decorated with green wooden shutters.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI # 1404365604

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Dr. Isaac J. Martin House

AND/OR COMMON

The Kroh House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Lots 83 and 84, Court Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: to be determined.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard County Board of Commissioners Telephone #: 992-2001

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City, Md. 21044

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 25A p. 245  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 336

Folio #: 289

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**Ho-436  
Dist. 2**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Circa 1871

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Dr. Isaac J. Martin House is located on the northwest corner of Emory and Church Streets, facing south. It is a three bay wide, two bay deep three and a half story, gabled roof (running east-west) white frame structure built on a granite block full foundation. A wooden cornice, decorated with brackets runs along its south elevation.

A one story high, flat roofed porch supported by four square columns and scrolled brackets runs along the south elevation. One wide granite and five stone and cement steps lead to the east side of its wooden landing and the roman arched paneled rectangular entrance which is flanked by three vertical side lights and surmounted by a turee light transom.

Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled.

Windows are rectangular, double-hung, holding two-over-two lights and are decorated with flat wooden sills and green wooden shutters.

Rectangular windows, located in the west wall of the foundation appear to have six-over-six lights (presently boarded up) and are decorated with projecting granite sills. A rectangular, cross paneled door rests in the center of the west walls' foundation. In addition, a lovely oriele window rests on the south bay of the west wall, decorated with a wooden cornice and brackets.

A three bay wide, one room deep, two story frame north wing whose gabled roof (running north-south) holds a central square brick chimney forms a "T" plan. Rectangular entrances are located on the east, north and basement west walls.

A parking lot is located on the west side of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
— PREHISTORIC	— ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	— COMMUNITY PLANNING	— LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	— RELIGION		
— 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	— CONSERVATION	— LAW	— SCIENCE		
— 1500-1599	— AGRICULTURE	— ECONOMICS	— LITERATURE	— SCULPTURE		
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	— EDUCATION	— MILITARY	— SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
— 1700-1799	— ART	— ENGINEERING	— MUSIC	— THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	— COMMERCE	— EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	— PHILOSOPHY	— TRANSPORTATION		
— 1900-	— COMMUNICATIONS	— INDUSTRY	— POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	— OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		— INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. Isaac J. Martin House is significant historically and architecturally. Historically these lots are noted as lots #83 and #84 on the sale plat of Jonathan Ellicott's property. The corner lot #84 was conveyed to Benjamin Ellicott on January 14, 1845 (16-451) by Robert Mickler, trustee as named in an indenture or deed of Trust from Nathaniel H. Ellicott et al to Robert Mickler on 19 July, 1839, recorded in the land records of Baltimore County (293-176).

Acquired by Mary Ann and Richard W. Ellicott of New Jersey, the corner lot #84 was sold to Dr. Isaac J. Martin on July 3, 1871 (31-176) for \$350. In addition, he acquired on April 28, 1871, the adjacent lot #83 from The Farmer's National Bank of Annapolis for \$75 (31-165).

Dr. Isaac J. Martin was involved in research and utilized one of the buildings on the north side of Main Street, west of the Lodge Building, as a laboratory.

On May 28, 1894 R. Abbey Martin and his brother Isaac conveyed the house and two lots to their sisters Elizabeth A. and Annie D. Martin.

J. Edward Kroh acquired the land and buildings for \$3300 (WWLC 91-599) on October 10, 1911 from Charles E. Ecker and Daniel M. Murray, trustees to J. Edward Kroh after a court action between Caroline Abbey Martin complainant and Juliana Howell Martin, defendant.

On January 20, 1956 Cara V. Kroh and Virginia Kroh McKenzie acquired the property for \$14,500 and on 9 June, 1959 sold the building to the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County (336-289). Howard County is presently in the process of selling the property.

Architecturally it is noteworthy as a fine example of late nineteenth century architecture. It also serves as a visual anchor for the north side of Church Street, once called Ellicott Street.

Significant architecturally and historically it is located in the middle of the Ellicott City Historic District.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Dist. 2

Howard County Land Records

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6870 Sq. Feet

(Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A)

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see liber 336, folio 289

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

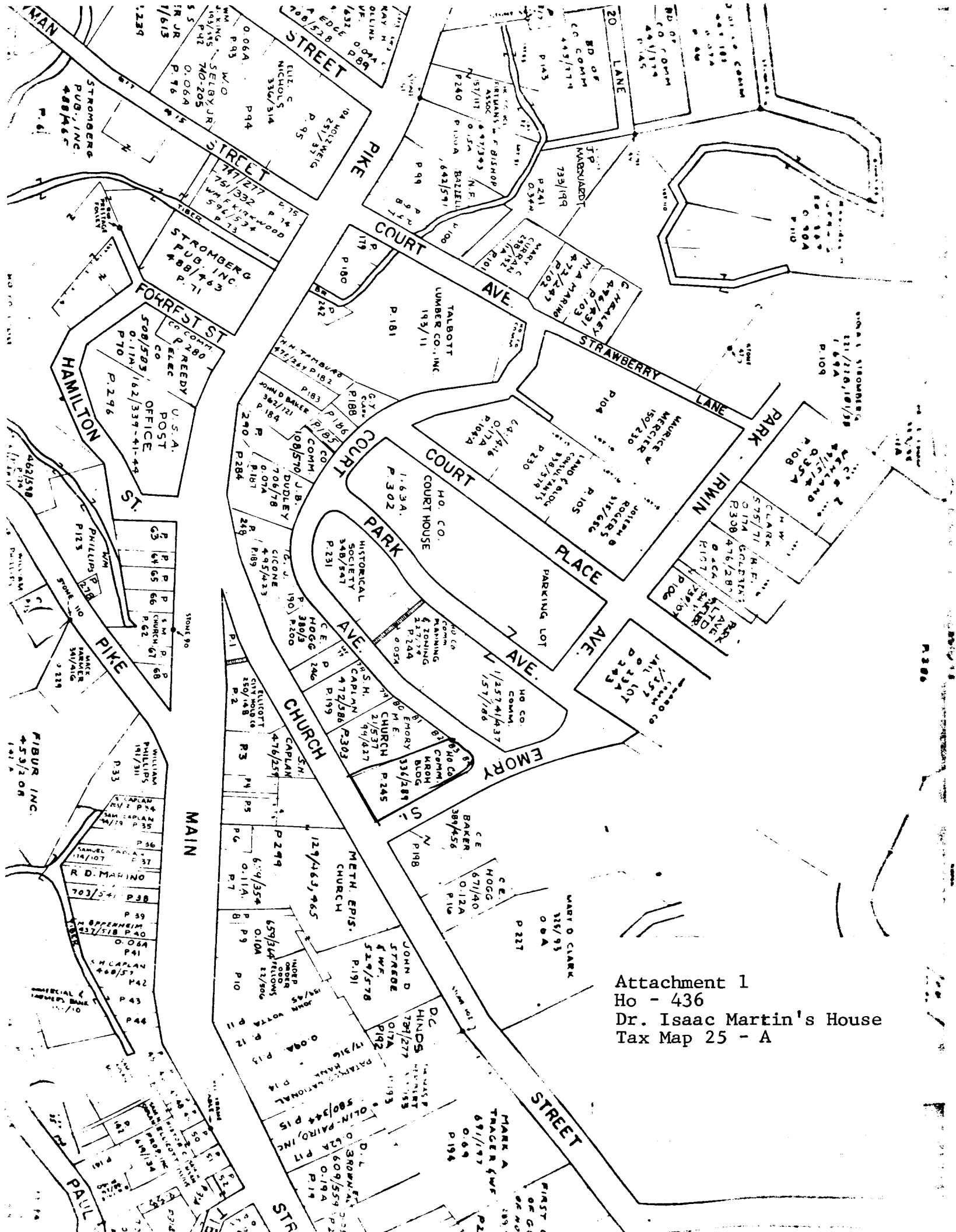
STATE

Maryland

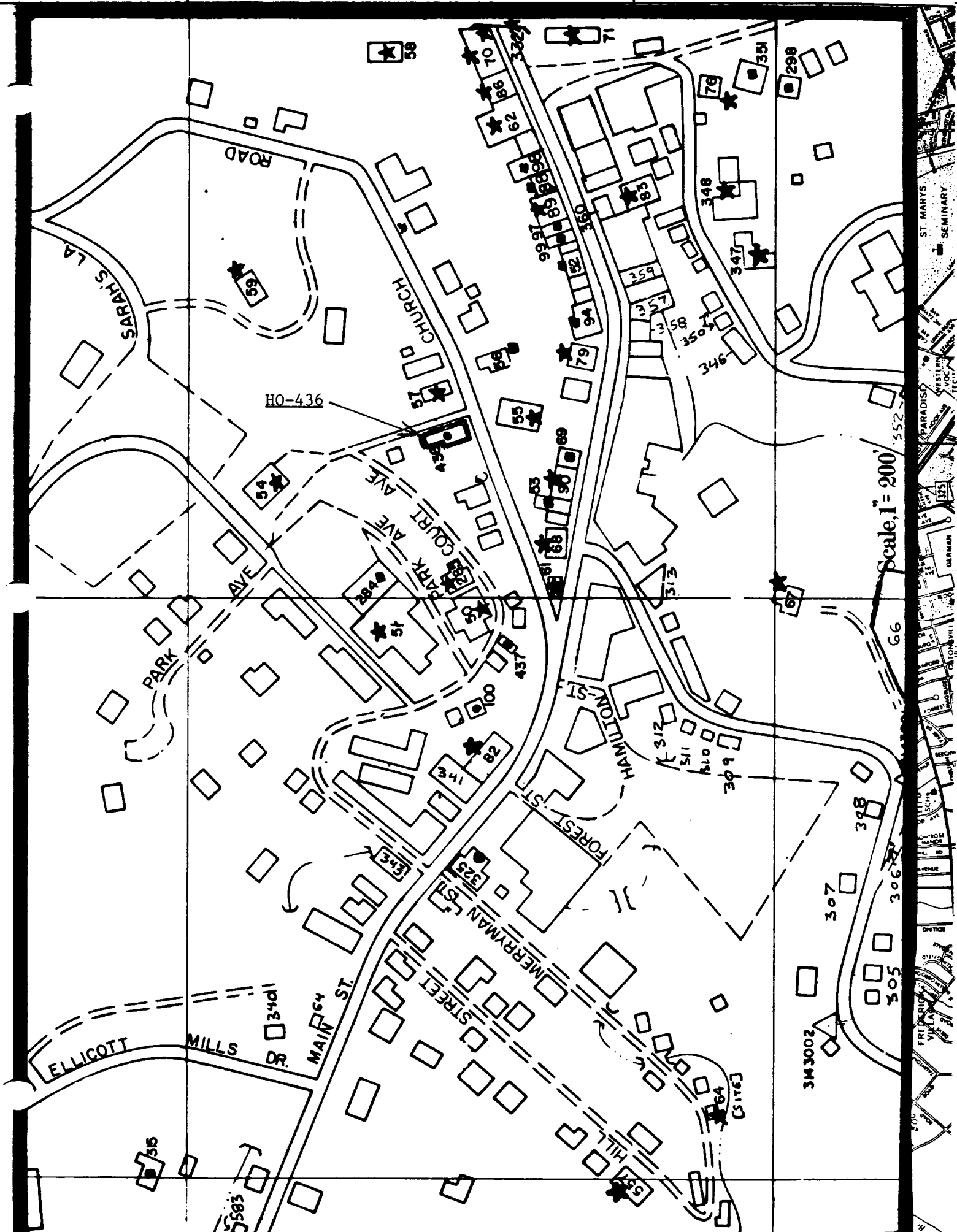
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

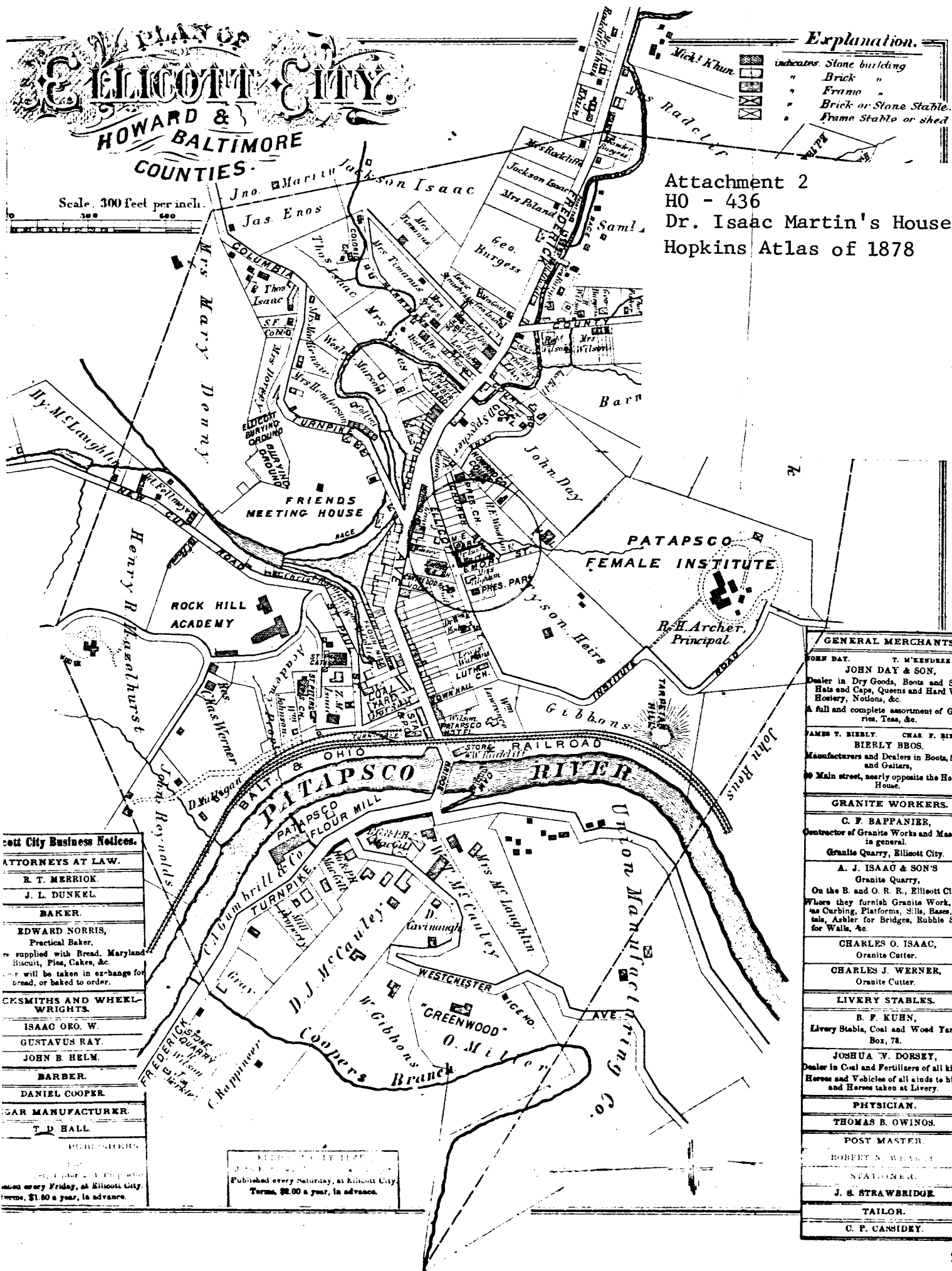
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

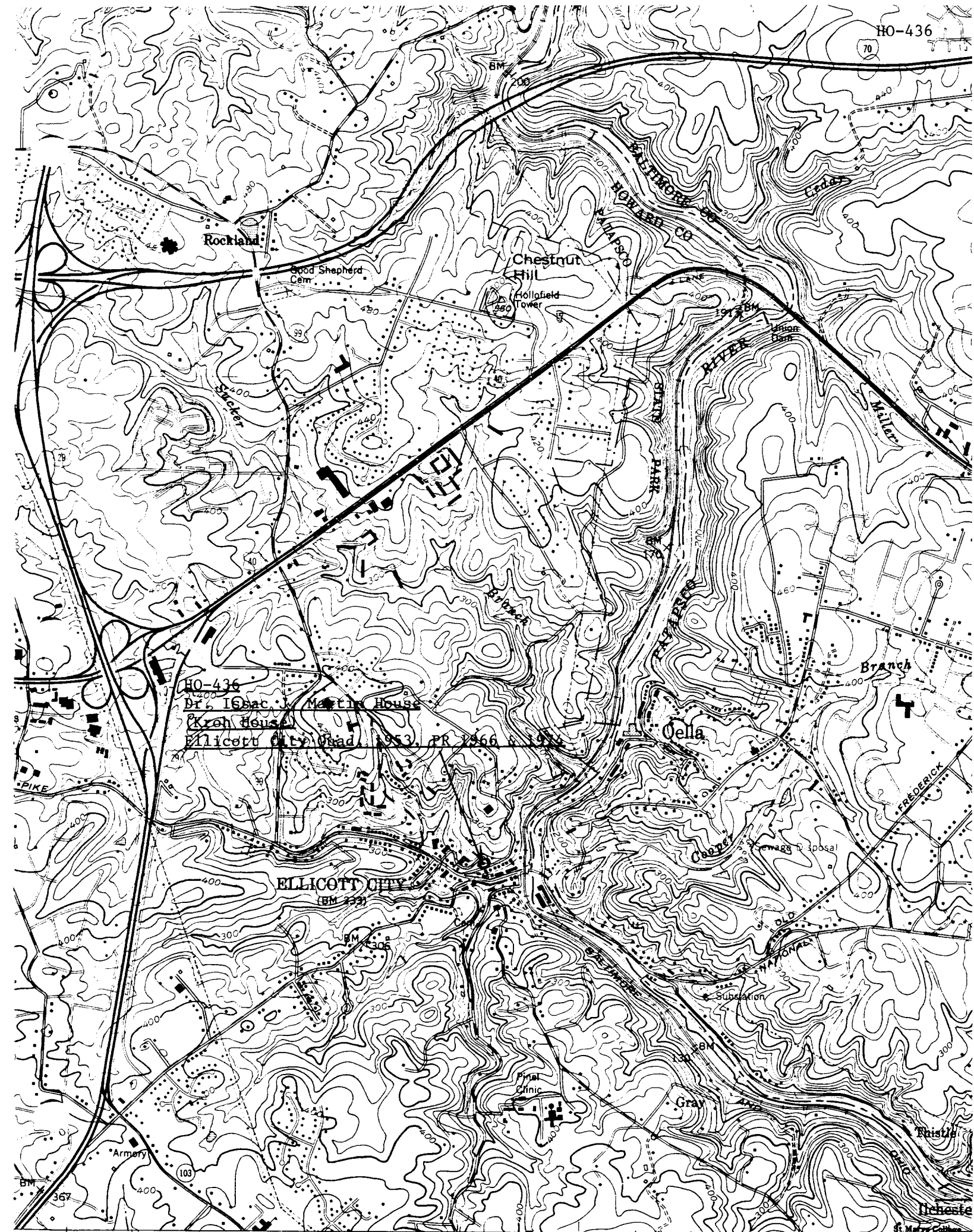


Attachment 1  
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Dr. Isaac Martin's House  
Tax Map 25 - A











HO-436  
THE DR. ISAAC MARTIN HOUSE  
SOUTH WEST